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Advertisements.IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE No. 2
OF 1894, AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
PHILIP ARTHUR NEWTON OF NO.
6, DREAM'S BUILDINGS CHANCERY LANE
IN THE COUNTY OF LONDON, IN ENG-
LAND, PATENT AGENT, FOR LETTERS
PATENT FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE
WITHIN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG,
OF AN INVENTION FOR "IMPROVE-
MENTS IN CANS AND SIMILAR
CONTAINING VESSELS."NOTICE is hereby given that the PETI-
TION, SPECIFICATION and DE-
CLARATION required by the above-cited
ORDINANCE have been duly filed in the
Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong,
and that it is the intention of the said
PHILIP ARTHUR NEWTON to apply at the
Sitting of the Executive Council hereinafter
mentioned for the Exclusive use within the
said Colony of Hongkong of the above named
Invention.And Notice is hereby also given that a Sitting
of the Executive Council, before whom the
matter of the said Petition will come for
decision, will be held in the Council Chamber,
at the GOVERNMENT OFFICES, VICTORIA, HONG-
KONG, on TUESDAY, the 1st day of OCTOBER,
1901, at 11 A.M.Dated the 14th day of September, 1901.
STEPHENS & THOMSON,
Solicitors for the Applicant.IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE No. 2
OF 1894, AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
CARL JOHANN KIELBERG OF HIL-
LEROD IN THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK,
POLYTECHNIC STUDENT, FOR LETTERS
PATENT FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE
WITHIN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG,
OF AN INVENTION FOR "IMPROVED ME-
THOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR THE
MANUFACTURE OF PIPES OF
CEMENT OR SIMILAR MATERIAL."NOTICE is hereby given that the PETI-
TION, SPECIFICATION and DE-
CLARATION required by the above-cited
ORDINANCE have been duly filed in the
Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong,
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Solicitors for the Applicant.Today's
Advertisements.SHEWAN, TOMES & CO'S
"NEW YORK" LINE.
FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship"ATAKA,"
will be despatched for the
above Port on MONDAY, the 16th instant, at
Noon.To be followed by the
S.S. "ANAPA,"
about 15th October, 1901.For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 14th September, 1901. [1871c]DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN,"
Captain Roach, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 17th instant,
at 10 A.M.For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th September, 1901. [1017c]THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"PERLA,"
Captain J. E. McArthur, will be despatched as
above on WEDNESDAY, the 18th instant, at
5 P.M.The Attention of Passengers is directed to
the Excellent Accommodation provided by this
Steamer. She is fitted throughout with the
Electric Light and is supplied with a Refriger-
ating Chamber.
A Doctor is carried.For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th September, 1901. [1018c]AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVA-
TION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM YOKOHAMA AND KODE,
THE Steamship"CHINA,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods are being landed at
their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,
Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all claims must be
sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before
Noon, on the 21st instant, or they will not be
recognised.No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any
Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 21st
instant, will be subject to rent.Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SANDER, WIELER & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 14th September, 1901. [685c]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

I BEG to inform my Patrons and Public
Generally that I have REMOVED my
Stores from No. 13 to No. 5, D'AGUILAR
STREET.H. RUTTONJEE,
5, D'Aguliar Street.
Hongkong, 27th April, 1900. [34]

Intimation.

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1901.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The North Borneo Railway.

Our Labuan Correspondent certainly has
a rather black picture to paint of the pros-
pects of the North Borneo railway. Un-
doubtedly the closing of the rivers will bring
all the produce of the country to the railway,
but we do not think that such a course will
help the country ahead much. All that it
will serve to do will be to give the Govern-
ment the monopoly of the carriage of all
goods in the district through which the rail-
way passes, and everybody knows that mono-
polies, by doing away with competition, are
apt to prove most burdensome to the people.
From the first we have pointed out that the
railway project in North Borneo is idiotic,
and our Correspondent's account of how it
is proposed to make the affair pay does not
tend to the least to alter our opinion.
Borneo has splendid waterways which, if
properly looked after, would serve to carry
all the trade which is likely to grow up in
that country for the next fifty years at least.
The North Borneo Company could have made
good roads into the country from the river
banks and put on a launch service on the
principal waterways for one quarter of the cost
of the railway and, instead of thousands of
dollars being wasted, these roads would have
now been bringing in a handsome return.
There is no population to support a rail-
way and the little jungle produce which
comes down to the coast would not fill one
train a week. Of course the fact that a
railway is being built reads well at home
and looks like progress to uninitiated folk,
but everybody who really knows anything
about Borneo knows perfectly well that the
railway will prove to be a white elephant.
If the North Borneo Company would copy
the methods of Rajah Brooke and be con-
tent to move ahead slowly but surely, they
would do much better for themselves and
for the country. Had the Rajah's methods
been adopted from the first, the North
Borneo Company would by this time have
been paying handsome dividends and build-
ing up a large reserve fund, instead of rais-
ing money to squander on a railway from
nowhere to nowhere.

Education for Natives.

Our Labuan Correspondent speaks some
very true words about the treatment of the
natives by the North Borneo Company in its
territories. As he very truly points out, no
effort has been made by the Company to
educate them or raise them in the scale of
civilization whatever. True, the Company
has done its best, which is very little, to put
down head-hunting and to make life and
property secure, but this has not raised the
native in the social scale. It has, if anything,
simply taken away one of his favourite occu-
pations without giving him anything in return
for it. We do not mean to say that the
North Borneo Company should try and make
the whole of its subjects Masters of Arts, but
it might do something towards teaching them
the rudiments of civilised life. The more it
succeeded in elevating them, the more they
would want, and, as their wants grew so
would the revenue of the Company. A man
with practically no wants beyond what can
be supplied by the scratching (one cannot call
it tilling) of a small bit of ground, and a few
days work at collecting jungle produce, does
not make a very paying subject, but once
you begin to educate him he finds his wants
increasing, and, to supply them, he must work.
And it must not be forgotten that every bit
of work done in North Borneo means so
much improvement to the property of the
Chartered Company. It is a great pity that
the Company does not view matters in this
light. It would pay much better to have
the country improved to a great extent by
the natives themselves than to have all pro-
gress made by immigrants who would, so
soon as they had made a competency, return
to their own countries and carry the wealth
which they had amassed in Borneo with
them. The immigrants will naturally put as
little as possible into the country, while they
all look forward to taking a great deal out.
The natives, if they could only be taught
to be industrious, would be an ever increas-
ing source of wealth.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

ADMIRAL SEYMOUR BAN-
QUETTED.

LONDON, September 12th.

The Corporation of Portsmouth has ban-
quetted Admiral Seymour, Officers and crew
of H. M. S. Centurion. The guests includ-
ed the Earl of Selborne, First Lord of the
Admiralty.THE TSAR VISITS THE
GERMAN FLEET.The Tsar, on board the Imperial yacht
Hohenzollern, made a tour of the German
fleet, and afterwards visited four war-ships.SOUTH AFRICA.—METHUEN'S
FIGHT WITH DELAREY.The fight between Lord Methuen and
Commandant Delarey was severe, and lasted
some hours. The Boer losses include Com-
mandant Lemmer and Field Cornet Joubert,
who were killed.The British lost fifteen killed and thirty
wounded.

Kruger's youngest son surrendered.

THE TSAR AT DANTZIG.

The Tsar did not land at Dantzig.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE GUNBOAT ROBIN left for the West
River this morning.COTTAM & Co.'s LATEST SHAPES in
LINEN COLLARS.WE are unavoidably compelled to hold over a
report of the interesting function that took place
at the Docks this morning at the launching of
the Tuckers.THE NEWS FROM CHINA is that the re-
form program calls for the substitution of the
Taung-li-yamen by the Wei-wu-pu. This news
is received with intense interest and satisfac-
tion.—The Washington Star.IT IS THOUGHT POSSIBLE that neither of
the chief factors in the Santiago battle con-
troversy was wholly responsible for Cervera's
defeat. There were several other Americans
in that engagement.—The Washington Star.THE CHINA GAZETTE of the 9th inst.
publishes the full text of the Peace Protocol
referring to the Conservancy of the Wampoon.
We hope to print this important document as
soon as we can find space, but it is lengthy,
consisting of 37 clauses.THE KAISER, according to the Daily Mail,
is letting his beard grow. This new fashion may
only last during his summer-yachting voyage.
The growing beard gives him a striking re-
semblance to his father. Without it he was
growing very like his illustrious ancestor and
prototype, Frederick the Great.THE JEWISH NEW YEAR commenced at
6 p.m. yesterday. Special Services in the Syna-
gogue will be held for two days. To-night
nearly every Jewish establishment will have
their own private gathering and, in the midst of
the festivities, will they remember that the
Hongkong Telegraph wishes them long life and
happiness?STATISTICS have recently been collected of
the height of 10,000 English boys and men. At
the age of seventeen these averaged 5 feet 8
inches; at the age of twenty-two, 5 feet 9
inches; at seventeen, they weighed 10 stone 2
pounds; at twenty-two, 10 stone 13 pounds.
No nation is increasing in height and weight
so rapidly as the British. In fifty years the
average has gone up for the whole nation from
5 feet 7½ inches, to 5 feet 8½ inches. The
average height of the British upper classes at
thirty years of age is 5 feet 8½ inches, of the
faint labourer 5 feet 7½ inches. The criminal
class brings down the average, as their height
is but 5 feet 5½ inches.A HOME PAPER says huge stocks of Scotch
whisky were on the 14th ult. unexpectedly
reduced to the extent of some 75,000 gallons
by a fire which broke out in the bonded stores
of Messrs. Melrose, Drover, and Company,
Limited, Leith.The stores, which are five storeys in height,
were enveloped in flames in a few minutes after
the outbreak, and were burnt to the ground.The spectators had the unique experience of
seeing a veritable river of blazing whisky
running down the gutters and into the sewers.
A fireman was somewhat severely hurt.
Several explosions took place within the build-
ing.The damage is estimated at £25,000—£15,000
for the stock and £10,000 for the building.THAT BEGGING-LETTER WRITERS are
the bane of the prosperous man's existence is
pretty generally allowed; and that they are the
hourly terror of the millionaire philanthropist
none will gainsay.The sort of epistle which these writers pen
was merrily hit off by the following note which
Mark Twain sent to Mr. Andrew Carnegie,
upon reading the announcement of the Scottish
millionaire's recent munificence:—"My Dear Carnegie,—I see by the papers
that you are prosperous. I want to get a hymn-
book; it costs six shillings. If you send me
the hymn-book I will bless you, God will bless
you, and it will do a great deal of good.—Yours
truly,

MARK TWAIN.

P.S.—Don't send me the hymn-book, send
me the six shillings."THE WEATHER BUREAU of the United
States has for some time past been investigating
the conditions and special climatic phenomena
of semi-arid lands, such as exist in many of
the western States. Among the facts it has
obtained is a very careful estimate, based on
Australian records, of the relation of rainfall
to the number of sheep capable of obtaining
sustenance on a square mile of land. This
shows that up to a rainfall of ten inches per
annum, as many sheep can thrive on a square
mile as there are inches of rainfall. That is to
say, if the rainfall is seven inches in a year,
seven sheep will manage to live and grow on
a square mile. When the rainfall is above ten
inches, however, the ratio of sheep rapidly
increases, so that twenty sheep can be support-
ed per square mile when the rainfall is
thirteen inches per annum, and about
seventy sheep when the rainfall is twenty
inches in the twelve months.A HOME PAPER says:—The marvellous
rapidity with which news travels in lands where
electricity is not known has often afforded
matter for discussion. Even in India, where
the telegraph has long been operative, it is a
fact that news, particularly of disaster, travels
much faster among the natives than among the
Europeans. A railway smash midway between
Calcutta and Bombay is the talk of the bazaars
in both cities long before the news has
been flashed over the wires. The general
and certainly the most rational explana-
tion is that the news is simply shouted across
the great silent distances, where sound travels
much further and more clearly, and so, passes,
from mouth to mouth in rapid continuity. In
solitary places it is probably carried by runner
—like the post in the more remote districts—
and then the shouting is taken up again. Of
course, there are those who talk dazily of tele-
pathy and more occult methods of news trans-
ference. Whatever the explanation the fact
remains.COTTAM & Co. for the K. WALKING and
SHOOTING HOOTS.INWARD PARCELS by S.S. Palawan are
now ready for delivery.A DALZIEL TELEGRAM from Paris, dated
Aug. 9th, says:—The giant competition at
Rouen is producing many startling discoveries
of persons of abnormal stature. In France.
Yesterday there arrived in Paris, en route
from the South of France to Rouen, a young
man who is not yet 22 years of age, and is still
growing, but whose height is nine feet two
inches. He measures 98 inches round the
chest. He is engaged to an English girl who
is now in Italy. She stands eight feet three
inches, and he wears an engagement ring
which is as large in circumference as a five
shilling piece.AMONG the many interesting things to be
seen in the British Museum is an old Chinese
banknote of the face value of about 4s., which
was bought by Sir John Pope Hennessy, the
late Governor of Hongkong, at an auction about
25 years ago. It was issued in the reign of
Hungwoo, the celebrated founder of the Ming
dynasty, who died about the year 1398, and is
of great value, as it is believed to be the only
one in existence belonging to this period.
Banknotes are said to have been used in China
before the ninth century, and were certainly
issued several hundreds of years before the art
of printing was known in Europe.AN AMERICAN MAIL CABLE, dated
London, August 1st, says:—Mr. Lander, a
shareholder in the Southeastern Railway, an-
nounced at the half-yearly meeting yesterday
that an American syndicate desired a forty-
year lease of the line, and was ready to deposit
£1,000,000 as a guarantee of a 3 per cent.
dividend during the first year and ultimately a
5 per cent. dividend. This statement was
made after the chairman of the company had
reported that no dividend could be paid this
year, that it was necessary to issue additional
stock to the amount of £1,666,000. Nothing
was done with reference to the proposal.A SCOTTISH PAPER says:—We in Ayrshire
are so near to Glasgow that, of course, we hear
a great deal about, and many of us see not a
little of the International Exhibition. I have
just been hearing some Exhibition jokes, and
as they are going round pretty rapidly, hasten
to tell the best of them to you before you
have heard it elsewhere. Such a puerile one—
as that during Glasgow Fair week one
side of the Exhibition is to be free to the
public is, of course, easily spotted. The
jokester refers to the outside. Not so, how-
ever, that which a friend of mine passes
round thus:—He puts on a lugubrious look and
says sadly, "Did you hear about the man who
had his arm taken off in the water chute?"
"No!" comes the answer with a look of
surprised interrogation. The unwary listener
wants to hear more. Thus proceeds my friend:
"Well, a young fellow took his girl and her
mother into the water chute. The two young
folks sat down in the front seat, the mother sat
behind. As the car started, the youth careles-
ly let one arm hang over the side; the other he
put round his sweetheart's waist, and the old
girl took it off."A CONTEMPORARY, in connection with the
proposed new Royal Title, says:—On the
accession of James I. the kingdom of Scotland
was added. The "wisest fool in Europe"
rejoiced in the title of "King of Great Britain,
France, and Ireland." The title of King of
France assumed by Edward III. was not
formally renounced till the Treaty of Amiens,
1802. The Irish Union, 1801, made another
modification necessary. The title "Empress
of India" was assumed by her late Majesty on 1
May, 1876. It is rather curious to note that the
title "King" was originally considered superior
to that of "Emperor." It was in order to avoid being
styled "Rex" that the chief magistrate of Rome
was called "Cæsar," "Imperator," "Princeps."
According to the strict interpretation of the
word Emperor—the chief of a confeder-
ation of states of which kings are members—the
German Emperor alone seems worthy of the
name. It matters little, however, for the
crowned heads of Europe now take precedence
according to the date of their several acces-
sions without regard to the style it may please
them to assume. As to feminine titles it is to
be noted that those of strictly English origin—
as knight, sheriff, alderman—possess no femi-
nine. "Queen" is simply Cwen, the woman,
the wife.HONGKONG COLLEGE OF
MEDICINE FOR CHINESE.

HONGKONG, 13th September, 1901.

The following note of arrangements made by
the Senate for the Session, mid-September
to mid-December, commencing on Monday,
16th inst., is circulated for the information of
the members of the Court and the Senate:—

Subjects	Teachers	Men	Wom.	Total	Prof. Stud.
Anatomy.....	Dr. MacLean Gibson.....	12	13	25	—
Osteology.....	Senior Students.....	1	1	2	—
Surgery.....	Dr. G. M. Henson.....	215	1	216	—
Marine Medicine.....	Dr. F. J. A. Beringer.....	215	215	430	215
Tropical Diseases.....	Dr. F. C. Thompson.....	330	330	660	—
Public Health.....	Dr. I. W. Clark.....	330	—	330	—
Botany.....	Mr. W. J. Trencher.....	3	—	3	—
Practice of Medicine.....	Dr. R. Gibson.....	—	530	530	—
Medicine Tutorial.....	Dr. Kwan King Leung.....	6	—	6	—
Surgery Tutorial.....	Dr. Wan Tun Mo.....	—	6	6	—

JOHN C. THOMPSON,
Hon. Secretary.

THE THIRD GYMKHANA MEETING.

Although many items of local interest have been closed out to-day for want of space, we print with pleasure the programme of the Gymkhana meeting to be held next Saturday at 4 p.m. The various events, it will be seen are novel and bound to provide exciting sport. Mr. Godfrey C. C. Master (Hon. Secretary) is, as usual, doing his utmost to provide a good afternoon's entertainment coupled with every attention to the comfort of the spectators. Although clashing with the aquatic carnival of the Victoria Recreation Club, which is fixed for the same date, we predict a large attendance and wish the managing body every success.

The following is the programme:—

- 1.—THREE QUARTERS OF A MILE FLYING RACE.—Handicap for all horses and ponies.—Four to start or no race.
- 2.—TENT PEGGING.—Three runs each at single peg.—Points will be given for style and pace.
- 3.—BUCKET AND APPLE RACE.—A number of tubs or buckets to be placed in a row, half filled with water and an apple in each. Competitors to start dismounted with no saddles. Mount, ride to buckets and each endeavour to secure an apple with his mouth whilst holding his pony. Mount with apple in mouth. First past winning post with apple in his mouth wins. Any competitor touching the apple at any time with his hand or any part of his body except the mouth will be disqualified.
- 4.—POLO PONY SCURRY. For *band side* Polo Ponies, the property of playing members of the Polo Club. From Quarter Mile post in. Owners up. Catch weights over 11 st. 7 lbs. An owner entering more than one pony and riding one himself, or unable to ride the weight, to be at liberty to ask another playing member of the Polo Club to ride for him. Weight to be raised if necessary to 11 st. 12 lbs.
- 5.—OFF SADDLING RACE.—Best of three heats. Start in saddle from some point near the Mile Post with saddle properly girthed with two single girths. First past the post on foot with saddle in hand and girths attached wins. No contrivances for slipping girths allowed.
- 6.—BALL AND BUCKET RACE.—Competitors to be nominated by a Lady. Such Lady to throw a tennis ball from within a given space to her nominee as he gallops past, which he has to catch and place in a bucket further on. Points will be given for pace. Two runs each.
- 7.—DISTANCE HANDICAP FOR ALL HORSES AND PONIES (including China ponies).—Scratch to start at the mile post. Each competitor to send in name and description of horse or pony to be entered by him, with weight to be carried. In order to assist the handicappers in arriving at an even handicap it is requested that horses and ponies to be entered may be sent to the Race Course for inspection between 5.30 and 6 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday next, the 16th and 17th instants. Entries for all events to close Tuesday the 17th inst. at noon to the Hon. Secy. at the Hongkong Club, or at No. 12, Queen's Road Central; the entrance fee in each case to accompany the entry.

Entrance fee for Event One \$3.00
For all other events \$2.00

THE PLAGUE.

Number of cases reported Chinese, 1,556
up till noon of the 13th Other Asiatics 53
September, 1901 Europeans 30
Number of cases reported Chinese 0
during the past 24 hours Other Asiatics 0
Europeans 0

Total number of cases reported to date, 1,639

Number of deaths reported Chinese, 1,522
up till noon of the 13th Other Asiatics 35
September, 1901 Europeans 11
Number of deaths reported Chinese 0
during the past 24 hours Other Asiatics 0
Europeans 0

Total number of deaths recorded to date, 1,568
Since noon on Saturday last the cases and deaths are:—

Cases Chinese 11
Other Asiatics 0
European 0
Total 11

Deaths Chinese 11
Other Asiatics 0
European 0
Total 11

The plague returns for last week were:—
Cases 6
Deaths 6

LORD ROBERTS.

UNSTINTING PRAISE FROM A FRENCH MILITARY WRITER.

Lord Roberts is the recipient of a very appreciative tribute in a recent *Figaro* from Germain Bapst, who possesses considerable reputation as a writer on military affairs, says the correspondent of the *Morning Leader*.

According to this gentleman, Wellington and the Duke of Cambridge were chiefly distinguished as Commanders-in-Chief by a policy of sticking to the good old times. Now, however, under Earl Roberts, a new era is opening for the British army.

He should be the sort of man he was in India, says the writer. He not only reformed the uniform of the soldiers, by providing them with a costume suitable to the tropical climates, but by his untiring labour in the interests of temperance, reduced drunkenness to one-half its former extent, thereby at once enabling members of respectable families to enlist, who hitherto had shrunk from the army as a mere gin palace.

In all these reforms he has been ably assisted by Lady Roberts, and thanks to these two, the well-being of the British soldier has increased both physically and morally.

Of Lord Roberts' ability to reorganise the army and increase its mobility, the writer has no doubt so far as the private soldier is concerned, but he wonders very dubiously whether the Commander-in-Chief will be able to act on the spirit of the officers and inspire them with a love of study and hard work.

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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

HONGKONG, Friday, September 13th.

Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts, in their weekly share report state:—

The past week has differed in no material way from its predecessor; business transacted has been on a restricted scale and has effected no noticeable change in the market quotations. Banks.—Hon. kong and Shanghai Banks have been booked at \$600 at which rate further enquiries exist. The London quotation is £61.7/6. Nationals still rule firm and have buyers at \$28. Marine Insurances.—We have heard of absolutely no business and prices are practically unchanged since our last report. Fire Insurances.—Hongkong Fires remain weak at \$342. China Fires are in demand at \$81. Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have again been done at \$344 and more shares are obtainable. Indo-Chinas are in the market at \$135. Douglas Steamships continue to drift downward and are offering at \$44. China and Manila and Star Ferries are unaltered. Refineries.—No transaction has taken place in stocks under this heading. Mining.—Punjoms have further declined and are on sale at \$5. Ra. hs have found buyers at \$124 and more are wanted. Jelesbus can be sold at \$4. Docks, Wharves and Godown.—Hongkong and Whampoa wharfs have been dealt in at \$275 closing weak. Kowloon Wharfs are enquired for \$99. Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands have changed hands at \$191. Kowloon Lands have further improved and can be placed at \$31. West Points are in request at \$52 after sales at \$51. Hongkong Hotels are steady at \$127. Humphreys Estate has been disposed of at \$133 and \$134 and close with further buyers at the latter rate. China Providents have again been sold at \$94. Cotton Mills.—Hongkong Cottons are wanted at the advanced rate of \$114. Cigar Companies.—Nothing doing. Alambros have declined to \$1,000 sellers. Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements have again been booked at \$21. A. S. Watsons are procurable at \$152. There is no change to report in other stocks in this section.

EX-PRESIDENT STEYN'S ESCAPE.

The war correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* on the 13th ult. supplements the story of the capture of ex-President Steyn's Cabinet, and the narrow escape of the ex-President himself, by certain interesting details. After describing the movements of the column in the neighbourhood of Reitz, he says:—"Unluckily the scouts, about 5 a.m., followed some loose horses, thinking they were part of their own force. When the mistake was discovered day was breaking, so less than a dozen of the 7th Dragoon Guards turned and rode for the town, led by Lieutenant Shaw. They saw a tent behind a house in a garden, with a fire smoking near, and early coffee being prepared. As they charged up, about an equal number of Boers came running out, as if they had suddenly tumbled out of their beds. 'Hands up!' our fellows yelled, and the majority of the Boers instantly complied. One of them, now identified as General or Commandant Cronje, reached into the tent for a rifle, but the flash of a dragon's sword made him desist; and another Boer found his cheek hot from showing a disposition to flee.

"The whole affair was over in a minute, and Broadwood's supports and main body were still far away. The scouts had no clear idea, nor had anybody else, I am told, what Steyn was anywhere in the neighbourhood. Moreover, creeping away around the corner of an adjoining house, bareheaded, in night dress, and with only socks upon his feet, was a tall, stout, swart, full-bearded, partly baldheaded, elderly man. If anybody saw him he probably smiled at the spectacle, and did not trouble in particular about an unclad burgher more or less. But the skulking personage was none other than ex-President Steyn himself, now reduced to this woeful plight. A Boer companion near by found him a pony and assisted Steyn to mount, for the ex-President prefers a wheeled vehicle to horseback. With a cut and a kick the Boer sent Steyn adrift upon a most uneasy seat. 'If, in the hurry, there had been a saddle thrown upon the pony, it was ungirthed, and had turned beneath in a stride or two. Then the unwonted apparition appeared in the one long main street of Reitz of a dark, heavy figure of a man, bareheaded and bare-limbed, with a flowing shirt, clinging to a horse's neck, and galloping madly to the eastward. He had to pass the corner where some of Lieutenant Shaw's men were. A challenge rang out for him to halt, yet not Steyn, but the horse, was in charge of that wild John Gilpin ride. I am told that Steyn would have gladly stopped, but could not, and looked pitifully as if he would have liked to.

"Sergeant Cobb, the crack shot of the 7th Dragoon Guards, repeated the challenge, and at ten paces lifted his rifle to bring the horse or rider down. But the weapon missed fire. Slipping out the cartridge, he put in another, but the second also missed fire. And why? Because the oil supplied the men was of inferior quality and had frozen, blocking the spring and the striker. Owing to the intense cold similar mishaps had previously occurred with the men's rifles. Lieutenant Shaw snapped his pistol, but missed. There was more laughing than vexation at the man's escape, till later on it was found that it was Steyn himself who had got away. When the column came up scouts were despatched after him, but Steyn had been met a few miles out by three or four brother Boers, who had helped him upon a better and more comfortable mount and conducted him by Kaffir tracks into the kopjes."

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CANTON NOTES.

THE HOUSE TAX.
(From Our Own Correspondent).

CANTON, September 13th.
According to the official notices, to-day is the time set for beginning of the house tax collection. Up to twelve o'clock all was quiet and there was no indication that the tax was being collected. It is likely that the officials will move forward quietly and avoid provoking hostility. So far no organized opposition has developed.

THE OFFICIALS' UNEASY.

Parties of soldiers under special officers continue to search the city. Official caps are laid aside. Sometimes the officer is mounted and at other times he goes afoot. The beating of the gong is dispensed with. Canvas tents have been erected at the entrance of the yamens of the Viceroy and the Governor and special guards are on duty day and night. The officials are making unusual preparations to keep order during the examinations. Until after the examinations there will be tens of thousands of strangers in the city. It would be easy to provoke a row, but the officials do not intend to be caught napping.

THE U. S. CONSUL.

Consul McWade left this morning for Heung Shan City to try a case in which an American citizen is concerned. A couple of small Chinese river gun-boats, flying the U. S. flag accompanied the Consul.

MISSION SECRETARY.

Rev. A. J. Brown, D.D., one of the secretaries of the American Presbyterian Mission, is now in Canton inspecting the work under the care of the Presbyterian Board. Dr. Brown has spent about four months in China, holding conferences with the missionaries, discussing mission policies and endeavouring to ascertain the best methods for carrying on the work. From Canton Dr. Brown goes to Manila and thence to Siam.

THE MURDER OF MR. HOSHI TORU.

PUBLIC TRIAL OF THE ASSASSIN.

STATEMENT OF THE MOTIVE OF THE CRIME.

The public trial of the man, Iba Sataro, the assassin of Mr. Hoshi Toru, took place in the Court of Cassation, Tokio, before Judges Mochizuki, Midzuhara and Nomura on the 2nd inst., says the *Kobe Herald*. Public Prosecutor Komori lead the charge. The prisoner, who was attired in haori and hakama, was quite composed and was accompanied by Messrs. Miyoshi, Iida, Hanai and Sakurai, attorney.

The prisoner stated his clan, age and family history, and definitely stated that he had no connection with any policy party. He said he had no acquaintance with Mr. Hoshi but recognised him at the general meeting of the Tokio Educational Association held in April, 1900, when Mr. Hoshi was elected president. The appointment of the Board of Directors of the Association was entrusted to Mr. Hoshi, and prisoner said he then concluded that the sacred matter of the education of Tokio was placed in the control of a man whose record was anything but clean. This determined him to kill Mr. Hoshi, the prisoner said. Then Mr. Hoshi was pointed to as the ringleader in the Tokio City Assembly bribery scandal, but he evaded the charge by resignation of the portfolio of Communications. This, prisoner stated, only strengthened his determination to kill Mr. Hoshi, who still occupied the presidency of the Tokio Educational Association, and the prisoner came to the conclusion that he could only save the interests of the public by removing Mr. Hoshi. Prisoner proceeded to say that at first he could not carry out his intention on account of his affection for his family, one being a child of 6 years old. He therefore continued to hope that Mr. Hoshi might come to see his own shortcomings, but the man gave no sign of reform. Consequently prisoner decided on 2nd June last to carry out his intention. He (prisoner) read an address by Mr. Hoshi in a paper at Shinagawa Station a few days after and that address was so disgraceful and insolent that prisoner had his determination further strengthened. It also occurred to his (prisoner's) mind that Mr. Hoshi would again receive a portfolio if Marquis Ito were to form a Cabinet and he determined to kill Mr. Hoshi at any cost. He repaired to the City Office on the afternoon of 21st June with three letters and the letter of his reasons for killing Mr. Hoshi. He then proceeded to the Hall where the City Aldermen met, having a dagger with him. Mr. Hoshi was talking to a party near him and the prisoner approached him from behind. It occurred to him, however, that it would be cowardice to stab a man without a word of warning and he spoke the words, "Traitor Hoshi, villain Hoshi!" before he struck the first blow. The dagger was first thrust into the right of Mr. Hoshi's chest and the second blow pierced his left side and several blows followed, but the prisoner stated that he was sure the second blow ended the life of Mr. Hoshi. The prisoner also stated that he called on Mr. Hoshi at his residence several times; but this was done to allay any suspicion on the part of Mr. Hoshi, and he was determined from the outset that the man should be killed in a public place. The reason the City office was chosen was that this was a meeting place of villains and Mayor and other officials were only the tools of Mr. Hoshi. Consequently the prisoner thought that by exhibiting the tragic end of Mr. Hoshi, ringleader of villains, he might awaken the others to their senses.

Iba Sataro is described as having spoken quite distinctly and eloquently, preserving wonderful self-composure during his statement. The evidence of several witnesses was then read by the Court Clerk, Kawakami. The statements of Mrs. Iba and the concubine of the prisoner concided in stating that Iba was a mild-tempered man. The prisoner did not deny the guilt of killing Mr. Hoshi and recognised the kimono and dagger used in the tragedy.

The trial was adjourned to next morning at 9 o'clock.

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Auction.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 474.

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VONDAY,

the 16th day of instant, 1901, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 30th August, 1901. [1003c

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction, to be held on Monday, the 16th day of instant, 1901, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, at Hung Hom, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, commencing from the 5th November, 1900, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 Years.

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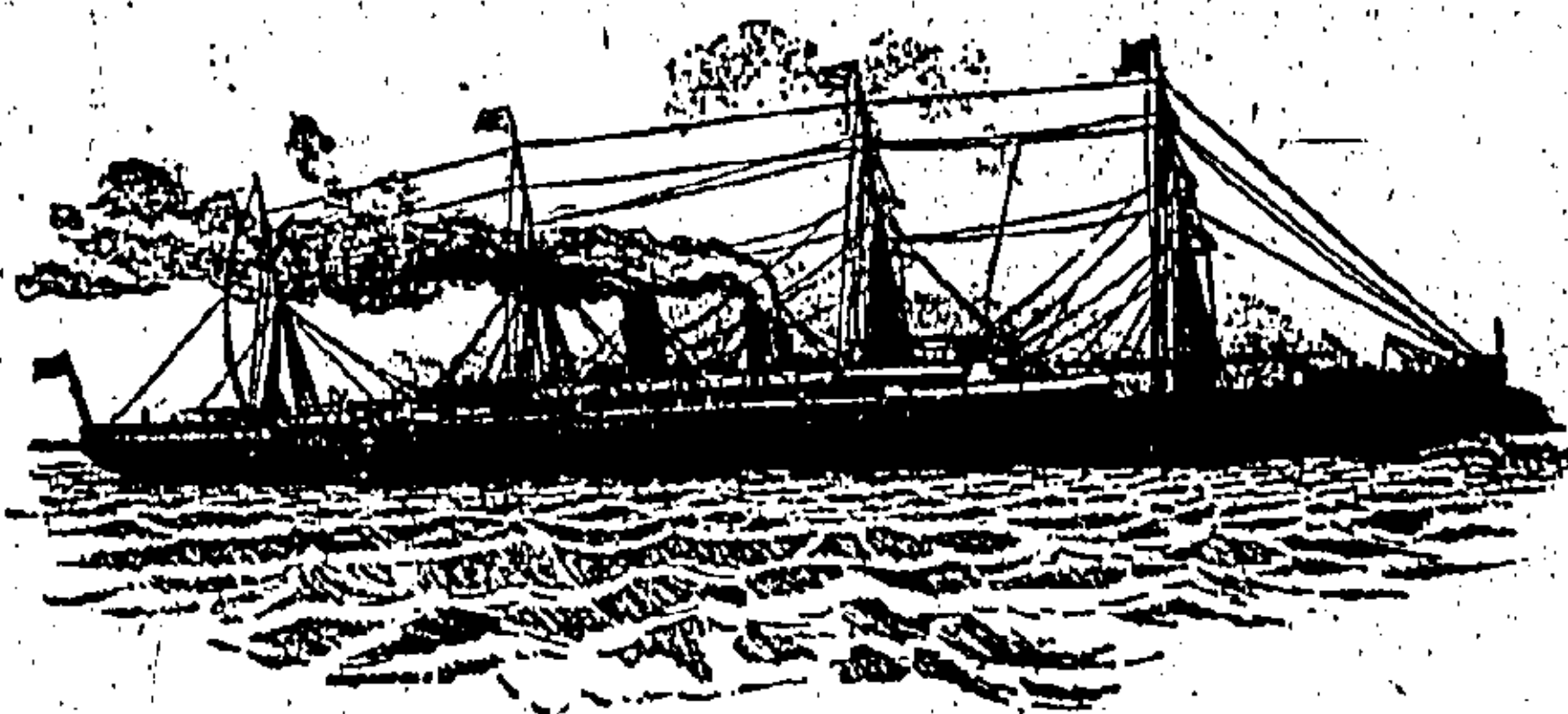
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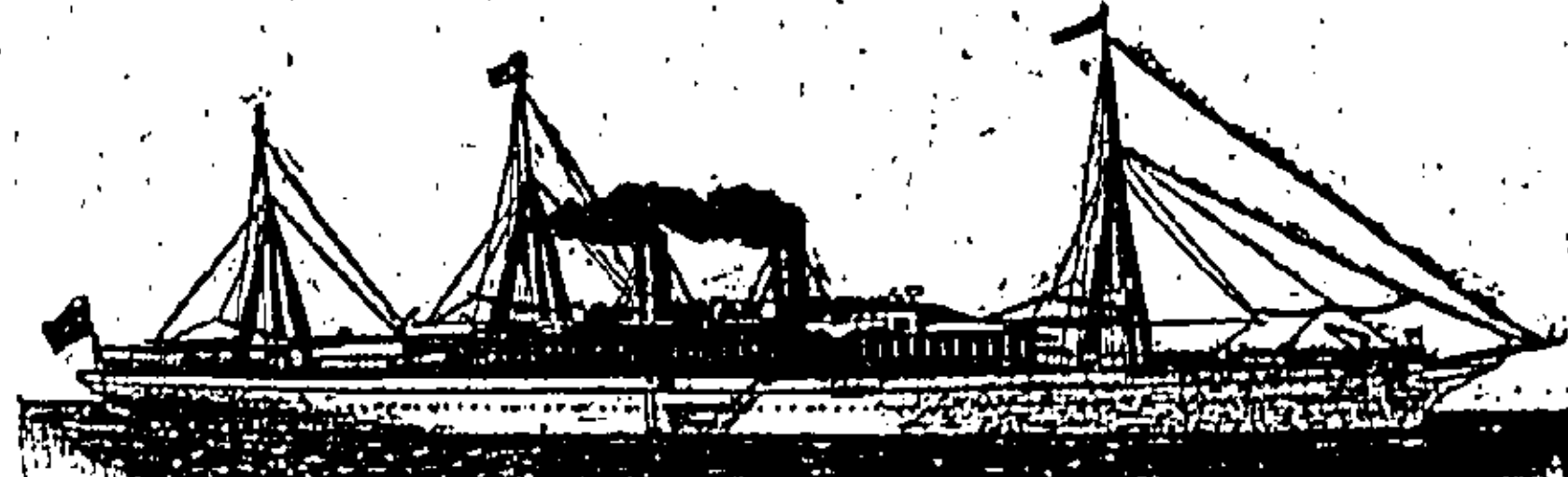
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I have been reading a good deal about the Christian Scientists of Solenos. late, Mr. Editor, and I have come to the conclusion that there must be something in their teachings. Here, for instance is a bit of their reasoning:—"You say a bolt is painful; but that is impossible, for matter without mind is not painful. The bolt simply manifests your belief in pain, through inflammation and swelling; and you call this belief a bolt. Now, administer mentally to your patient a high attenuation of truth on this subject, and it will soon cure the bolt. The fact that pain cannot exist where there is no mortal mind to feel it, is a proof that this so-called mind makes its own pain; that is, its own belief in pain."

Now it seems to me, Mr. Editor, that there is more than appears on the surface in this. All you have to do to cure a pain is to destroy your mind. Matter minus mind is not painful, and therefore, when you reduce yourself to a lump of matter without mind you can't feel pain. What a comfort this statement will be to some of us. So long as we are acutely sensible of pain we know we have plenty of brain power, and therefore, the more we ache the wiser we must be. Perhaps this also explains why some fools are so very callous in hurting people's feelings. They are merely lumps of matter and hence they cannot feel pain, nor understand that they cause it to others. By the way, I wonder if a Christian Scientist would feel the birch? He'd have to be a very absent minded beggar not to!

My fashion column proved to be Fashion. so popular last week, Mr. Editor, and I have had so many letters on the subject that I feel I must come to the rescue and give the gilded youth of the Colony some more advice, but first I must answer:—

PERPLEXED.—It is not considered good taste to wear brown shoes with evening dress; why not try Nubian blacking on white canvas shoes, if expense is an object?

BRUNETTE.—If his moustache is as troublesome as you say, you might get him to shave by a little coaxing. The best means for accomplishing this end would be to develop a sudden admiration for clean shaven Naval Officers. Cultivate the acquaintance of a few middies; they are generally harmless, being detrimental at that stage, but I have frequently known them to bring a somewhat backward beau to his senses.

MOUSTACHE.—Why not shave clean? If the girl is worth having she is certainly worth this sacrifice; besides, a razor is not very expensive.

SPORT.—No! I do not think leggings and spurs I ok well in a boat, or on a bathing trip. Of course if you ride down to the wharf, and let the oars see you do so, it is O.K.; otherwise it is apt to look affected.

SMART.—Any of the jewellers advertising in the Telegraph could supply you with a wrist-strap watch. I think your grandfather's repeater would be too big to wear in a strap.

VOLUNTEER.—No; if your eye-glass falls out while you are standing to attention you must let it be, you can fix it again when the order is given to "stand easy."

SWIMMER.—Gin cocktails are not good to train on; you had better give them up.

Now that I have answered a few of the more important questions addressed to me I can go on with my fashions, Mr. Editor. I see by the mail papers that it is now fashionable for patriotic folk, both male and female, to wear a flag brooch on the ribbon of a straw hat. It is pinned at the side over the bow. Of course you wear your national colours, and I suppose that a person of mixed parentage would wear both flags, that of the father on the right and the mother on the left. This is a very pretty and becoming custom and prevents all doubts as to your true nationality. I hear that as St. Andrew's Day approaches, tartan ties are to become fashionable. It is a great mistake to go and buy the tartan of any particular clan. All the principal ones are so well known that anyone meeting you in the street can tell at a glance if you are a Campbell, or a McGregor, or so on. The best way is to invent one of your own, then look up some obscure king and say that you are a direct descendant of his and your family has worn the tartan for centuries. This generally works well, particularly with the ladies. I have had a great many questions of late as to the advisability of adopting a hyphen. I should certainly advise my readers to do so if they possess a common name. But beware and get a good high-sounding name for the front one. Fitzclarence-Jones and Montmorency-Robinson look a good deal better than the ordinary single-barrelled Jones and Robinson, and make people think you were really of some consequence at home. At the same time it is just as well to study the Peerage; for then, at a dinner or afternoon tea, you can talk familiarly of titled people. The learning by heart of a few little anecdotes of high personages also helps a great deal. By this way, the pink tie is falling into disrepute. This season will, probably see a revival of greens and yellows. These garments

are more expensive to keep up, but they at once stamp one as being in the height of fashion. Just now it is the proper thing to talk of boxing, and a nodding acquaintance with Slavin or McAniff will put you up many rungs in your friends' estimation. If you know either and can cultivate a black eye it is just as well, as then everybody thinks you are taking lessons or have been having a friendly spar.

GILAH.

A CHINESE OPINION OF KANG-YU WEI.

The 7-6 C. Express says:—

Mr. Tan Jiah Kim, of Singapore, and his son, continue to enjoy their visit to this country, and have been well received at the Colonial Office. Mr. Kim is a noted man in the Straits Settlements and has figured prominently in the Singapore Council. He has told a *Daily Mail* representative that he was particularly grateful to the Government for the manner in which they had rendered him every assistance in the business with which he has been engaged, which embraces several questions relating to Singapore public affairs. "The Straits-born Chinese," said Mr. Kim, "are British subjects. We can't say much one way or the other about affairs in China or China's future, for, to tell the truth, we are less interested in China than we are in British Colonies." When asked if he was a reformer, Mr. Kim threw up both hands and heartily disclaimed any sympathy with the reform propaganda in China. "Kang Yu Wei," he said, "has done more harm than good in China."

ST. ELMO'S FIRE.

April.—I boarded the king's ship; now on the peak,
Now in the waist, the deck, in every cabin.

I flam'd amazement; sometime I did divide,

And burn in many places on the topmast,

The yards, the bowsprit, would I flame distinctly,

Then meet and join: Jove's lightnings, the precursors

Of the dreadful thunderclaps, more momentary

And sight outshining were not; the fire, and cracks

Of sulphurous roaring, the most mighty Neptune

Seem to besiege, and make his bold wreathe tremble.

Yea, his dread trident shake.—*The Tempest*, Act I, Scene 2.

The flaming meteor so vividly described by Shakespeare in *The Tempest*, and so familiar to sailors, was known to the ancients as "Castor and Pollux" from the heroic twins who, after the beautiful and sublime fable of the Hellenes, became the emblem of fraternal love to future ages. It will be remembered that when Leda, the queen of Sparta, was bathing in the Eurotas, she was approached by Jupiter in the likeness of a swan, and afterwards gave birth to twins, of whom Pollux or Polydeuces was the son of Jupiter, and hence an immortal, while Castor was the son of Tyndareus, her husband, and therefore a mortal. From their childhood the Tyndarids were inseparable companions. Castor was famous for his skill in horsemanship, and Pollux in the art of boxing. They took part in many adventures; for instance, the expedition against Athens to recover their young sister Helen or Helena from the hands of Theseus, king of that city; the hunt of the Calydonian boar; and the voyage of the Argonauts under Jason in search of the golden fleece. We are told by Diodorus that when the heroes were passing through the Propontis the Argo encountered a violent gale, and Orpheus, the poet, invoked the deities of Samothrace. The storm fell, and the heroes were amazed to see the heads of the Tyndarides crested with flame. They regarded these mysterious fires as a token of the divine protection. For in these olden times when men believed in a God or Gods who ruled over Nature, but as yet knew nothing of her universal laws, they were always ready to appeal to the deities by prayer and sacrifice, or to look for a special manifestation of their will and power in things they did not understand.

According to one version of the myth, Castor and Pollux afterwards carried off their cousins Phoebe, a priestess of Athena, and Hilaria or Elaira, a priestess of Artemis, two lovely daughters of Leucippus who were betrothed to other cousins, Lynceus and Idas, the sons of Aphareus, a brother of Tyndareus. Lynceus and Idas pursued the ravishers to recover their damsels, and a combat took place at Aphidna, a district of Laconia. Castor perished under the sword of Lynceus, and Pollux avenged him by slaying Lynceus with his spear. Idas rushed upon Pollux, but he was killed by the lightning of Jupiter. When Pollux saw that his brother was dead, he besought his father to let him die too, or grant the like immortality to Castor. Jupiter permitted him to share his immortality with Castor, so as they might live alternately in Hades and on earth. We are also told that he translated them into the constellation of the Dioscuri (sons of God), known to the Romans as Gemini, or The Twins. They received divine honours in Sparta; and their worship spread to Italy and Sicily. Like the Kabiri or Phœnician divinities of Samothrace, they were believed to protect the traveller, and Poseidon, or Neptune, is said to have given them power over the sea. They were represented as two horsemen having egg-shaped helmets crowned with stars and holding spears in their hands. When two lights of St. Elmo's Fire were seen together during a tempest it was considered a token of their presence and a sign of fair weather. When a single light was seen it was called Helena, probably after their unfortunate sister, Helen of Troy, and portended bad weather.

Castor and Pollux were believed to have assisted the Romans in the battle of Regillus, fought against the Latins, and a temple was erected to their honour on the spot in the Forum where they were seen after the battle, just opposite the temple of Vesta. Caesar tells us that during his campaign in Africa they also showed themselves, and presaged his victory over the followers of Pompey. The visitation happened in the month of February during the second watch of the night. A dense cloud suddenly approached, together with a terrible hail-storm, and the lances of the 5th Legion were tipped with fire. Procopius also relates that when Belisarius prepared to advance against the hordes of the Vandals, the spears of his soldiers emitted sparks. We had a curious instance of a similar superstition in the letter of the Mahdi to Emin Pasha, calling on him to surrender in the name of Allah and the Prophet. As a proof of the divine favour, he informed Emin that "tongues of fire" had appeared on the lances of his troops. After the introduction of Christianity the phenomenon only changed its name, and the superstition continued during the Middle Ages. It was now called the Fire of St. Elmo, or of Santa Clara, in the Mediterranean, and of St. Nicolas in the West. It was also known as the Fire of St. Helena. The Portuguese called it Corpus Sanctum, which has been corrupted by English sailors (who have their full share of the national habit of never pronouncing a foreign name correctly) into "Composant," or "Comozant." St. Nicolas of Bari was renowned as a saint in Western Europe during the 12th century; and St. Elmo although the name has been derived from Elias or Elijah, was probably the St. Erasmus, Erasmo or Ermo of the Italians, a priest of Fourmies, who, in the beginning of the 4th Century, suffered a cruel martyrdom by disembowment, which has been painted by several artists, including the celebrated Poussin, whose picture is now in the gallery of the Vatican. He was regarded as a patron saint of fishermen and sailors in the Mediterranean, and the fire of "Castor and Pollux," which came to bear his name, was taken as a sign of his protection.

When Benjamin Franklin, about the middle of the 18th century, proved that lightning is a discharge of atmospheric electricity, it became clear that St. Elmo's Fire was another electrical phenomenon. The electricity of the atmosphere was made a special study, by means of electrometers, and of late years many interesting facts have been found out concerning it, but there is still a great deal to discover. It is known that ordinarily, that is to say in fair weather, the surface of the earth and sea, with all conducting bodies on them, such as buildings, trees, animals, and ships, are charged with negative electricity, or the kind of electricity which is excited on a stick of sealing wax by rubbing it with a silk handkerchief. The atmosphere on the other hand, except the strata in contact with the earth, is charged with positive electricity, like that obtained by rubbing a glass rod. These two opposite electricities attract each other, and hence it follows that the negative electricity of the earth discharges itself by the points and pinnacles of the surface on which it tends to accumulate. When this discharge becomes excessive it is visible to the eye as light, and hence the phenomenon of St. Elmo's Fire, which appears to be nothing more than a natural form of what is called the "brush discharge" from the conductor of an electrical machine. In fair weather the discharge from the earth is seldom or never so strong as to become visible; but in broken or tempestuous weather it sometimes produces a fine display of the light. In such times the discharge may be either of negative or positive electricity, for the surface of the earth often changes its electrification from negative to positive in bad weather. Sir William Thomson supposes that high winds or cyclones may lift the stratum of air, which is next the earth in fair weather, and therefore negative, into the upper air, and thus render the higher parts of the atmosphere negative instead of positive. This negative charge may induce or draw a corresponding positive charge to the earth's surface, and thus reverse the conditions obtaining in fine weather.

As electricity tends to discharge itself from pointed conductors, St. Elmo's Fire at sea is generally seen on the "tips" of spars or the slender cordage near them; but according to one account, it is also been noticed on the crests of waves. The flames are usually in tufts and sheaves, or aigrettes, and they sometimes "sit" to, and fro with a hissing sound. Humboldt witnessed a display in which the mainmast of a ship from the truck for three feet downwards was enveloped in a "cold blaze" of phosphoric light. The light and mizen mast were also glowing, but to a less extent. On 26th October, 1813, when the *Sandwich* packet, homeward bound from the West Indies, was 200 miles north of the Bahamas, and running through a storm of rain and lightning, the spindles of each mast was illuminated for about two hours. There are probably many interesting records of this meteor hid in the pages of ships' logs, or stowed away in the memories of old salts along with other very curious tackle. It is doubtful, however, if anyone has ever seen it firing amazement "in every cabin," as Shakespeare has it, for cabins are confined spaces, and the discharge is partial to exposed situations. It has been observed on the heads and hats of persons in the open air, as in the case of the Tyndarides, also on the masts of horses. On a cold November evening several years ago there was a thick snowstorm in Cheshire, and as M. Delamare, a worthy citizen of the Republic, was promenading the streets under the shelter of his umbrella, he became aware of a singular buzzing around him, like that of a swarm of insects. To add to his astonishment, he saw on every tip of his

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OFF TO THE CAPE.

EMPTYING THE GHETTOES TO FILL SOUTH AFRICA.

South Africa has become a bright lodestar to the emigrant now. Slowly and surely, by means of the Cape steamboats, the Continental ghettos are emptying a poor fraction of their pent-up, struggling crowds into a new country where, their kindred are already so much at home, so well satisfied, and earning something more than a competence.

The *Sophocles*, once the White Star liner *Tonic*, and now under her new name owned by Messrs. George Thompson and Sons, has quite recently taken some 70 or 80 Jewish men and women to Cape Town. And in

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

SEPTEMBER.

Meteorological means based on fifteen years' observations to 1898.

Barometer 29.755
Thermometer 81.0
Humidity 83
Rainfall 13.482.

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

On date at 10 a.m. On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer 29.89 29.83
Temperature 83 83
Humidity 70 71
Rainfall — —

TO-MORROW.

Saturday, 14th September, 1901.

Chinese—2nd of 8th moon of 27th year of Kwang-su.

Sun—Rises 5hr. 47min.
Sets 6hr. 37min.

High water—Morning 9hr. 57min.
Afternoon 10hr. 37min.

Low water—Morning 3hr. 17min.
Afternoon 3hr. 47min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1852—Death of Duke of Wellington.

1864—Volunteers called out on account of riots.

1854—Allied armies landed in the Crimea.

1882—Cairo captured. Arabi Pasha surrendered.

TO-MORROW.

Sunday, 15th September, 1901.

Chinese—3rd of 8th moon of 27th year of Kwang-su.

Sun—Rises 5hr. 48min.
Sets 6hr. 38min.

High water—Morning 10hr. 32min.
Afternoon 10hr. 22min.

Low water—Morning 3hr. 55min.
Afternoon 4hr. 10min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1857—Sir T. K. Brunel died.

1867—Eleven public gaming houses opened in Hongkong.

1887—Chinese transport *Waiyee* driven ashore on Pescadores; upwards of 370 lives lost.

1875—Tonquin ports opened to foreign trade.

AGENDA.

TO-MORROW.

Daylight—D. S. & Co.'s steamer *Arratoon* after leaves for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.

H. A. L. Co.'s steamer *Aragonia* leaves for New York via Suez Canal.

O. S. K. Co.'s steamer *Dufjin* leaves for Tamsui via Swatow and Amoy.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral.

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Sept. 15th), Matins (11 a.m.)

Responses, Ferial; Venite, Stamer; Psalms, Cooke, Woodward Dupius; Te Deum, Dymy in F.; Benedictus, Garro; Anthem, "I am Alpha and Omega" (Stainer); Hymn, 2; Kyrie, Merbecke; Offertory Hymn, 355. (Tune 356).

Evangelion (545 p.m.)

Responses, Ferial; Psalms, Quadruph Chant, Oakley; Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis, Bruce Steano; Anthem, "In humble faith they love" (Garrett); Hymns, 391, 28; Vespertymn, Bruce Steano; Voluntary "Offertoire Dubois; Melodie; Rubenstein.

St. Peter's Church.

West Point.

Matins (11 a.m.)

Hymn, 332; Venite-Elvey; Te Deum Hayes; Jubilate, Gregory. Hymns 253, 16, 57.

Evangelion (630 p.m.)

Hymns 344; Magnificat Nunc; Nunc Dimittis Barby. Hymns 252, 17, 345.

Roman Catholic Cathedral—Mass at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. Benediction, 5 p.m.

German Bethesda Chapel, West Point.

Morning Services, 11 a.m.

St. Francis' Church, Wanchai—Mass (Chin.) 6 a.m., (Port.), 7.30 a.m. Benediction, 5 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road—Morning Service (English), 9 a.m.

St. Anthony's Chapel, West Point—Mass, 8 a.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church—Services, 10.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.

Union Church—Services, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

MONDAY, 16th.

9 p.m.—Regular Meeting of Perseverance Lodge at the Freemason's Hall, Zetland St.

Cargo ex *Natal* subject to rent.

Cargo ex *Mayone* subject to rent.

TUESDAY, 17th.

Noon—"Shire" line steamer *Radnorshire* leaves for Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama.

Cargo ex *Radnorshire* subject to rent.

SHIPPING GAZETTE.

In future the *Telegraph* shipping form supplied to Captains of vessels will contain a heading for notices of officers and engineers transferred or on leave, etc. Friends will much oblige by giving this information—

August 20th.

The officers of the *Catherine Ahear* (Capt. S. H. Beldon) are—Chief officer, A. Buchanan, 2nd, R. Gillan, 3rd, R. M. Taylor, chief engineer, T. S. Laurie, and T. Barrie, 3rd, W. Park, 4th, W. Marks, Purser, M. J. Edwards.

The officers of the *Wing Sang* (Capt. H. Sellar) are—chief officer, Mr. Bicar, 2nd, H. W. Weare, chief engineer, Mr. Smithers, 2nd, Mr. Bushby, 3rd, Mr. Moore.

August 23rd.

Mr. Short is temporarily chief officer of the *Haiching*.

Mr. S. Williams is appointed 3rd officer of the *Haitan*.

Captain Evans is temporarily commanding the *Haiching*, vice Captain Davis on leave.

Mr. Walters is appointed 3rd officer of the *Haitan*.

Mr. Musgrave is appointed 3rd engineer of the *Thales*.

Mr. E. Sayer is appointed 2nd engineer of the *Thales*.

Mr. E. H. Kirman, late of American ship *M. Legano*, is now 4th officer of the *Glengyle*.

August 26th.

Capt. Davis has resumed command of the *Haiching*.

Mr. Evans, chief officer, has returned to the *Haiching*.

Mr. Short, 2nd officer of the *Haitan*, has returned to that ship.

August 30th.

Captain W. Passmore has taken over the command of the *Haitan*.

Mr. Walters has joined the *Haitan* as 3rd engineer.

September 11th.

The officers of the *Flandria* (Capt. F. Eichbaum) are—chief officer W. Schaeke, 2nd, E. Lehmann, chief engineer M. Biese, and C. Petersen, 3rd, H. Brandt, assistant engineer, H. Dittmann.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

German (*Hamburg*) 17th instant.
German (*Prinz Heinrich*) 18th instant.
American (*City of Peking*) 19th instant.
American (*Gaelic*) 24th instant.
Australian (*Australian*) 25th instant.
Canadian (*Empress of China*) 30th instant.
American (*Hongkong Maru*) 2nd prox.
American (*China*) 10th prox.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Tientsin* left Bombay for this port on the 13th inst.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Ras Roun* left Bombay for this port on the 13th inst.

The G. L. Co.'s steamer *Australian* from Sydney left Port Darwin to-day for Timor and this port.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Agamemnon* left Singapore to-day and is due in Hongkong on 19th inst., at daylight.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Peking* with mails &c., from San Francisco to the 2nd ult., sailed from Shanghai for this port at 10 a.m., to-day.

The N. Y. K. Co.'s steamer *Tamio Maru* (European Line) left Shimomoseki for this port on the 14th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 16th inst.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Georges Valentine at Kowloon Dock.

Victoria at Kowloon Dock.

Zufro at Kowloon Dock.

Elcano at Kowloon Dock.

Changsha at Kowloon Dock.

Laiyang at Kowloon Dock.

Empress of Japan at Kowloon Dock.

Canton River at Kowloon Dock.

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THE SHARE MARKET.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

(SEPTEMBER 14th.)

COMPANIES.	PAID UP CAPITAL.	LATEST QUOTATION.
Banks.		
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$ 125	\$600 buyers.
The Bank of China and Japan, Limited—(Preference)	\$ 5	nominal
The Bank of China and Japan, Limited—(Ordinary)	\$ 4	\$0.15
The Bank of China and Japan, Limited—(Deferred)	\$ 1	\$5.5 buyers
National Bank of China, Limited	\$ 1	\$28 buyers
Do. Founders	\$ 1	\$15 sellers

Marine Insurances.		
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	\$ 50	\$340
China Trade Insurance Company, Limited	\$ 25	\$60 sellers
North China Insurance Company, Limited	\$ 25	Tails 1923
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	\$ 60	\$123
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	\$ 50	\$170 sellers
Straits Insurance Company, Limited	\$ 20	nominal

Fire Insurances.		
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$342 sellers
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	\$ 20	\$82 sellers

Shipping.		
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited	\$ 15	\$342 sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$136
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$62 sellers
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$45 buyers
China Mutual Steam Navigation Company, Limited—(Preference)	\$ 10	\$12 buyers
China Mutual Steam Navigation Company, Limited—(Ordinary)	\$ 10	\$12 buyers
China Mutual Steam Navigation Company, Limited—(Deferred)	\$ 5	\$7 buyers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	\$ 20	\$94 buyers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	\$ 1	\$2 12/6 sellers

Refineries.		
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	\$ 100	\$136 sales and buyers
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	\$ 100	\$36 sellers

Mining.		
Punjom Mining Company, Limited	\$ 9	\$5 sellers.
Punjom Mining Preference Shares	\$ 1	\$1.25
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Francs 250	\$325
Queen Mines, Limited	Cents 5	\$4 buyers
Telebu Mining and Trading Company, Limited	\$ 185	\$13 sellers
Kaoh Aien Gold Mining Company, Limited	\$ 5	nominal
Olivers Freehold Mines, Limited A.	\$ 5	nominal
Olivers Freehold Mines, Limited B.	\$ 5	nominal

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.		
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$275
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$99 buyers
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited	\$ 37 1/2	nominal
New Amoy Dock Company, Limited	\$ 64	\$25 buyers

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.		
China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$9.75 buyers
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	\$ 100	\$100 buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	\$ 30	\$50 buyers
West Point Building Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$52 buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$127 buyers
Oriente Hotel Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$55 sales
Humphrey's Estate and Finance Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$133 sellers

Cotton Mills.		
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	\$ 100	\$114 buyers
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited	Tails 100	Tails 40
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Limited	Tails 100	Tails 30
Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited	Tails 100	Tails 45
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	Tails 100	Tails 300
Yahloong Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	Tails 100	Tails 10

Cigar Companies.		
Alhambra, Limited	\$ 500	\$1,000 sellers
Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., Limited	\$ 50	nominal

Miscellaneous.		
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$21 sales and buyers
China-Borneo Company, Limited	\$ 15	\$38 sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	\$ 10	\$14 sellers
Watkins, Limited	\$ 10	\$10 sellers
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$124 buyers
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	\$ 5	\$64 buyers
Hongkong and China Gas Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$140 buyers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$1724
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	\$ 25	\$55 sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	\$ 25	\$183 buyers
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Company, Limited	\$ 100	\$275 buyers
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	\$ 6	\$8 buyers
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$50
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	\$ 10	\$20 buyers
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	\$ 1	\$1.10
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	\$ 4	\$10 buyers
Tebrau Planting Company, Limited	\$ 5	\$4 sellers
Universal Trading Co., Limited	\$ 20	\$192 buyers
Hongkong Steam Water-boat Co., Limited	\$ 5	\$8 buyers
China Light and Power Co., Limited	\$ 20	\$20 sellers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	\$ 50	\$50

